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Sir:

Submitted herewith are the Search Reports to the corresponding European and British applications

The Pittman reference cited against the British application is discussed on page 1 of the instant application.

None of the citations suggest the combination of the step of flocculating pertussis exotoxin by permitting formaldehyde to act upon exotoxin fluid in the absence of basic amino acid and the step of dispersing the flocculent pertussis exotoxin mass by ultrasonication in accordance with the present invention.

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